

REMARKS

Claims 2-19 were previously pending in this application. In the Final Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003, claims 2-7 were indicated to be allowed, claims 8-14 were rejected and claims 15-19 were withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 8-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. As result, this application should now be in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications to the rejected and/or non-elected claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's representatives at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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